

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists was held on July 18, 2019, in Room 110 of the MDH Metro Executive Building, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Regular Session Board meeting came to order at 4:23 p.m. Present for the quorum were Dr. Stacey Samuels Cole, Mr. John Cummins, Ms. Jillian DeLuca, Dr. Tinita Kearney, Mr. Kim Keller, Jennifer Mertes, Dr. Tam Nhu Nguyen, Candace Robinson, Mr. John Rouse, Mr. George Sheckells, Ms. Carolyn Stine and Ms. Ellen Stein:

**Staff Present**

Donna Seidel, Intern Executive Director  
Carla Boyd, AAG, Board Counsel  
Zoann Mouzone, Administrative Specialist III  
Monica Wright, Office Secretary III  
David Bruce, Investigator

**Absent Members**

Dr. Carrie Nieman

**Visitors**

Kim Lang, Director of Health Occupations Boards and Commissions, John Sloan, HASA

**Agenda Review and Approval for (July 2019)**

Mr. John Cummins made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Ellen Stein seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Review and Approval of Minutes (June 2019)**

Ms. Carolyn Stine made a motion to approve minutes with amendments. Ms. Jillian DeLuca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director, Mr. Brand reported that the backlog has been reduced.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Brand informed the Board that the Board has a balance of 337,000 in the account as of the close FY 2019

**Regulatory Review**

Dr. Mertes indicated there is a need for improvement with regards to SLP Limited Licenses working under limited license for a long period of time.

**Chair Report – Jennifer Mertes**

John Sloan, Director – Center for Fluency Disorder at HASA, addressed the Board. While serving on the Board, Mr. Sloan was invited to become a member of a committee to draft an interstate compact which would enable licensees to be able to practice in other member's state without additional licensure requirements. Mr. Sloan briefly spoke on the Interstate Compact Agreement that he worked on and presented a copy of that draft. The Compact Agreement would become effective after the tenth state adopts the compact. Commission will need two representatives from each state.

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Dr. Mertes, Dr. Kearney and Executive Director Mr. Brand will attend. Board members are encouraged to attend. If anyone wants to attend let Etzion know. Dr. Mertes informed the Board that the amplification system has been ordered and may be operational for the next Board meeting in September.

**Correspondence & FYI**

Mr. Rouse made a motion to explore additional one year staff support. Dr. Robinson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Next Board Meeting – September 19, 2019**

**Adjournment**

Dr. Robinson made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Board meeting. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The regular session meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Mertes, Au.D.

Chair